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1. RE PARA 1 REFTEL, STATE TELEGRAM ON CODEL'S SWAZILAND TRAVEL PLANS NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. FOLLOWING SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING ITINERARY:

A. NO SCHEDULED FLIGHTS OPERATE BETWEEN JOHANNESBURG AND MANZINI ON SATURDAY. THE ONLY SUNDAY FLIGHT ARRIVES MANZINI 1440 AND LEAVES MANZINI 1530. FLIGHT TIME ABOUT ONE HOUR AND QUARTER. FLIGHT TIME FROM MANZINI TO SITEKI ABOUT HALF HOUR.

B. DRIVING TIME FROM JOHANNESBURG TO GOBA ABOUT NINE HOURS.

C. OSHOEK BORDER POST, WHICH IS PRINCIPAL ENTRY POINT FOR MBABANE-BOUND TRAFFIC FROM JOHANNESBURG, CLOSED BETWEEN 2200 AND 0700.

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D. MANZINI (MATSAPHA) AIRPORT OPERATES ONLY BETWEEN 0700 AND 1730.

E. SITEKI AIRSTRIP, HALF HOUR'S DRIVE FROM GOBA, IS UNATTENDED AND AVAILABLE ANY HOUR. AIRSTRIP IS
GRASS 3300 FEET BY 150 FEET. CHARTER PILOT SHOULD DETERMINE
IN ADVANCE WHETHER STRIP WILL ACCOMMODATE HIS SIZE AIRCRAFT.
IF NEGATIVE, EMBASSY REP WOULD BOARD CHARTER PLANE DURING ITS

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COMPULSORY STOP AT MANZINI (MATSAPHA) AIRPORT.

3. ASSUMING GOBA EVENTS TAKE PLACE ABOUT NOON ON SUNDAY (WHICH WE ARE IN NO POSITION TO CONFIRM), RECOMMEND CODEL LEAVE JAN SMUTS AIRPORT, JOHANNESBURG, IN CHARTER AIRCRAFT NOT LATER THAN 0915 SUNDAY, TOUCH DOWN AT MATSAPHA AIRPORT, MANZINI (REQUIRED BY GOS LAW) AT 1030, CONTINUE IN CHARTER AIRCRAFT TO SITEKI AIRSTRIP FOR ARRIVAL 1100, THEN PROCEED FROM SITEKI WITH EMBASSY REP IN USG VEHICLE TO GOBA FOR ARRIVAL 1130. RETURN WOULD BE BY USG VEHICLE FROM GOBA TO SITEKI, WITH CODEL BOARDING CHARTER AIRCRAFT THERE FOR RETURN TO JAN SMUTS AIRPORT. FYI, ANY PLAN INVOLVING CODEL'S DRIVING TO JOHANNESBURG WOULD RUN VERY SERIOUS RISK OF CODEL'S MISSING SUNDAY EVENING FLIGHT FROM JAN SMUTS. END FYI.

4. FOREGOING TIMING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BASED ON HYPOTEHTICAL NOON RELEASE TIME AT GOBA. CODEL'S PLANS WILL OF COURSE NEED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF GPRM'S ACTUAL PLANS. ADVISE.
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